

Participation of representatives of the State Statistical Committee in the workshop organized in the Republic of Georgia, Tbilisi on “Quality in Statistics: Metadata”

Deputy Chairman of the State Statistical Committee – R. Salimov and head of Department of Quality Management and IT – Y.Yusifov were participated in a High Level Seminar for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia Countries (EECCA), entitled “Quality in Statistics: Metadata” which were took place on 27-29 June 2012 in Tbilisi, Georgia organized by Eurostat.



Except Russian Federation 2 persons from all CIS countries were participated in the workshop. Experts of Eurostat, UNECE, EFTA, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherland, Italy, Norway and Turkey were invited for presenting reports on topics. Totally there were 37 participants in the workshop.

In her speech Head of “Statistical cooperation” of Eurostat - Mrs Claudia Junker give brief information on relation of current workshop with previous workshops, importance of

quality, agenda of the workshop.

The workshop was grouped for 8 sessions on the themes included to the topics on Quality in Statistics: Metadata and Cooperation.

First session was carried by the Chairperson: Gabriel Gamez (UNECE) on the theme of Review of recent developments in quality matters in the ESS - in Eurostat and in the NSIs of EU Member States. In his speech gave information about the Recent developments in Eurostat, changes to the European Statistics Code of Practice, Communication to the EP and the Council: Towards robust quality management for European statistics, the revision of the European statistical law, new strategy for providing the European Union with a quality management framework for statistics.



Second day of the workshop was about Quality management practice in the EECCA countries. Turkey, Armenia, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan were presented their presentations on above mentioned theme and countries not have presentations gave information about their practices. In their speech representatives of the Republic of Turkey informed about the study of statistical processes, standards in 2010 and study of metadata 2011, implementation on practical forming of data in February of current year. Statistician of Armenia informed the participants about the general information on

organization, main functions, legal bases, international classifications and standards. Employee of Uzbekistan informed the participants with the country practice on 'Impact of the changes in the statistical law and the reorganization of the office on quality'. In this session our representatives were presented presentation on 'Quality assurance in official statistics of the Republic of Azerbaijan: conceptual approach'. Participants were informed about the managing the statistical system, institutional environment, statistical processes and statistical outputs, main opportunities on each principle were presented to the attention of participants.

3rd session was about the role of metadata in statistics. Here metadata plays a vital role in both the development and use of statistical information. The production of information requires that data and metadata be viewed as a totality rather than individually; thus, metadata management must be seen as an integral part of statistics production. Presentations on different type of metadata users (the producers and the users of statistical data); which metadata are necessary, essential, optimal; designing metadata for different users; availability of metadata were presented to the participants.

In the next session expert from Norway was presented presentation on preparation of metadata and place of it in the webpage.

5th session, the last day of the workshop chaired by Azerbaijan - participants were informed about overview of development of statistical metadata systems in EECCA countries based on the reports sent from the countries; standards applied; several EECCA countries presenting their experiences in developing and implementing statistical metadata systems. Expert from Turkey presented the presentation on dissemination of metadata. In the presentation was noted that, besides statistical bodies it is necessary to produce metadata by other organizations who is the producers of statistical data.

Sixth session was about the standards used by the purpose of exchange on metadata and statistical data and also participants were informed about the practice of Italy. Presenter gave information on SDMX format, its management, purpose, advantage and etc.

Seventh session was dedicated to the cooperation issues. As well as, participants were informed about the global assessment – activities, future plans and measures will be organized in 2013.

In the frame of seventh session participants were informed about the results of researches carried out in the field of power engineering statistics in Western Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, brief description of project and future activities.

Eighth session was about the result of workshop, main results and the theme of future workshop. Some themes on next session, as well as, dissemination of data, role of ICT in the system of metadata were discussed. At the end of the workshop participants were informed about main features and aspects of the Georgian Statistical System.